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General Law Committee:

We are a small family owned and operated business here in Hartford with a very high mill rate that is imposed upon us by our elected officials, that we have to pay in order to keep our doors open. We oppose SB 299 and so should you. We oppose this tax on behalf of all HOD's in the state of Connecticut regardless if they offer any pre-buy or cap pricing to their customers. We do not offer any of those deals here at Lemay Oil Company. This tax is unfair to HOD's who do not participate in these types of programs. Maybe you don't realize that heating oil is already very expensive and imposing such a fee would cause the heating oil dealers to potentially pass it down to the consumer, who is already struggling to make ends meet, some of which are having to make the decision to eat or heat. I am curious as to why our **Elected Officials** are not more concerned with the speculators who are making energy unaffordable for the working class people in this country, this does include the Heating Oil Dealer that you are considering imposing more financial burden upon. Where is the transparency that was promised to the people about speculation?

Do you remember when Northeast Utilities and United Illuminating wanted to impose a fee to replace and repair all of the damaged lines and poles that were destroyed from bad weather a few years ago and the state said "NO". These are large publically traded companies that can afford to absorb that kind of expense, yet many of these Heating Oil Dealers are small family owned tax paying people that our officials continue to take advantage of.

SB 299 must not be passed and put on the backs of hard working people. We encourage you to really look at the reason for this tax, just like the tax funded the tank fund, it ended up in the general fund and not used for what it was intended for. We cannot afford to pay this tax as a small Heating Oil Dealer. Please oppose SB 299 and work with the Heating Oil Dealers to come with a more operable plan that does not increase the costs for the small business owner.

Sincerely,  
David Beaupre  
Lemay Oil Company